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The Higher Education Awareness Readiness Transition (HEART) Award seeks to recognize excellence in school counseling by identifying South Carolina school counselors with proven records of accomplishment in promoting higher education awareness.

## ELIGIBILITY

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The HEART Award is open to all school counselors working in South Carolina's schools. Additionally, applicants must meet all of the following:

- Currently be employed as a full-time fully certified school counselor
- Have a minimum of three consecutive years of counseling service at the level of nomination
- Hold at least a master's degree in school counseling

## TIMELINE

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**December 15, 2009**

Application packets available

**February 14, 2010**

South Carolina HEART Award application deadline

**May 2010**

HEART Award winners will be honored at a reception in Columbia, where they will receive various awards provided by the program's sponsors and will be recognized with commendations by SC Department of Education.

## AWARDS

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HEART Awards will be given to an elementary, middle and high school counselor who exemplify excellence in school counseling and the promotion of college awareness and access. HEART Award Winners will receive:

### Cash Awards:

Elementary School HEART Counselor.....\$3,500  
Middle School HEART Counselor.....\$3,500  
High School HEART Counselor.....\$3,500

### Grant Awards:

Incentive Grant of \$1,500 to each winner for their current school's counseling department; grants will be used at the discretion of the winners, in ways to promote HEART.

## CONTACT

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To nominate a counselor for the SC HEART Award, please visit our web site at [http://www.che.sc.gov/StudentServices/HEART\\_Award.htm](http://www.che.sc.gov/StudentServices/HEART_Award.htm).